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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE TO IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH PRC

1. PRESIDENT FORD HAS STATED THAT HE WILL VISIT CHINA  
LATER THIS YEAR TO REAFFIRM OUR MUTUAL LONG-TERM INTERESTS  
WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND TO "ACCELERATE  
THE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS."

2. THIS MOST PORTENTOUS LANGUAGE HAS THUS FAR NOT APPEARED  
HERE IN ANY OF THE PUBLIC MEDIA BUT IT IS OF COURSE ALREADY  
KNOWN TO ALL UPPER ECHELONS OF THE GROC. ALTHOUGH THE  
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STATEMENT DOES NOT SAY SO IN SO MANY WORDS IT SAYS TO

ME , RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, AND I AM SURE WILL ALSO SAY TO THOSE OFFICIALS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO CHINA WILL BE THE OCCASION FOR ACCORDING PEKING DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AND TERMINATING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROC, WITH ALL THAT THIS IMPLIES FOR THE MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY, THE CONDUCT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TAIPEI AND WASHINGTON AND BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL TIES.

3. THE GOVERNMENT HERE WILL OF COURSE EXPECT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO BE ABLE TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT HOW THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED. EVEN WITH SOME CONVINCING REASSURING EXPLANATIONS THIS LANGUAGE IS BOUND TO BE SEVERELY DISQUIETING HERE. WITHOUT SUCH EXPLANATIONS, IT COULD LEAD TO THE KIND OF DESTABILIZING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH I HAVE DISCUSSED IN THE PAST WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. THE CHANCES OF THIS HAVE BEEN INCREASED BY CONTEMPORANEOUS EVENTS IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA AND ALSO BY THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

4. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION (WHEN ONE IS DESIGNATED) TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT IS MADE AWARE OF WHAT IS SET FORTH ABOVE AND GIVEN AS USEFUL GUIDANCE AS POSSIBLE.

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